

# MATHIAS ALTEN HOME AND STUDIO

## GRAND RAPIDS



Grand Rapids painter Mathias Joseph Alten (1871-1938) and his wife, Bertha, bought this house in 1914. Built in 1907, it was Alten's home and, from 1930 to 1938, his studio. Alten, who emigrated from Germany to Grand Rapids in 1889 at age 17, quickly became a prolific oil painter while working as a muralist for churches, theaters, and businesses. Alten traveled and painted throughout Europe and the U.S., depicting in his Impressionistic style a range of subjects. Above all, he was devoted to West Michigan, from Saugatuck to Leland. His work has been widely exhibited and hangs in private collections, museums, and other public spaces in Michigan and elsewhere. Alten's granddaughter, Anita Gilileo sponsored a Michigan Historical Marker for the house.

Location: 1593 E. Fulton St., NW corner of Alten NE  
Applicant/Sponsor: Anita M. Gilileo  
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